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1. Eny Acty:

a. China. MIGs attack a 3d PBM acft: At 1202-I on 18 Nov 53, a Navy PBM, on a reg recon route, was attacked by 2 MIG-15s aprx 40 miles NE of Shanhai (3150N/ 12250E). 3 firing passes were made by MIGs and fire was returned by the PBM with no damage to either side. The MIGs were described as silver grey with the insignia of a green ball outlined in red.

D/I FEAF Comment: This marks the 3d such intcp by eny jets in 6 wks. The other 2 similar incidents of this type occurred on 2 Oct and 6 Nov (see INTSUM No. 1143). These also involved Navy PBMs on other recon routes. Both were attacked between 40-60 miles SE of Tsingtao. The first recd minor damage from MIG gunfire.

b. China. Vessel fires at RAF patrol acft: 27 Nov report from COMNAVFE stated that an RAF Sunderland acft while making a phot run on 2 possible Chinese Communist vessels on 25/ 0545Z at 3257N/12210E recd 2 rounds of estd 3 inch shells. The

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acft was not hit and contd on patrol. The report further stated that the firing ves apparently was flying the red flag and was believed to have been a Chinese Communist minesweeper.

c. Korea. Communist continue to over-fly UNC-held territory: Since 12 Nov 53, there have been (7) addnl eny over-flts of UNC-held territory in Korea, bringing the total to 21 as of 3 Dec. On 22 Nov 53 at 2059-1,2 conventional acft were picked up on radar in the vic of Paengyong-do island (X 5000). The acft flew over the island at an alt of 2500 ft. and circled the island for another 70 min's. An intcpt was attempted and AAA fired on 3 occasions with neg results. These violations of the armistice agreement were lodged against the KPA-CPV as 5 separate violations. The 7th violation occurred over Paengyong-do on 292222-I by a slow unidentified acft. No attempt was made to fire at or intcpt the acft. As of 1 Dec 53, 20 over-flights have been protested against the KPA/CPV by UNCMAC. One has been denied, 19 are pndg.

d. Korea. Flak: The latest photo coverage of NK AAA psns is dtd 27 Jul, the last day of the war. There have been insufficient agt reports since 27 Jul to indicate any trends in mvmt or build-ups of AAA in the major complexes, communications lines, or front line areas.

e. Korea. Radar obsn of eny flying acty in NK: A review of eny air acty as obsrd by radar reveals the fact that during the pd 1 Aug thru 15 Nov 53, there has been a steady increase in both jet and piston acft flying over NK during day-light hrs. The greatest increase occurred from 16 thru 31 Oct, when the total radar sightings rose to 134 tracks by an estd 553 acft (382 jet type - 176 piston). This figure also included 62 acft obsrd at night (37 Jet - 25 piston). See table below:

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	No. Tracks	Estd Acft	Type Jet	Type Piston	Night Jet	Night Piston	Day Jet	Day Piston
1-15 Aug	13	16	-	16	-	6	-	10
16-31 Aug	22	29	2	27	-	3	2	24
1-15 Sep	39	89	29	60	6	2	23	58
16-30 Sep	73	110	35	75	-	-	35	75
1-15 Oct	63	184	102	82	-	-	102	82
16-31 Oct	134	558	382	176	37	25	345	151
1-15 Nov	96	365	216	149	1	17	215	132

The greatest acty was obsrd in the area from Pyongyang NW to Antung. However, some tracks were sighted as far S as Haeju and Kaesong as well as in the Wonsan area. During this same pd acft were also tracked as far as the Port Arthur and Shantung areas. This marks the first such tracking in these areas, and is attributed to the improved operating conditions of the types of radar employed on the island of Paengyong. It is interesting to note that although there was a decrease in the radar tracks during the pd of 1-15 Oct, there was an increase in total estd acft related to the tracks. During the last half of Oct, a definite increase in formation flying by jet type acft was obsrd in the Antung area. One such formation consisted of an estd 40 acft and a second, on the same day, consisted of 20 acft. There were also obsrd 7-12-ship, 8-ship; several 6-ship and numerous - 4-ship formations.

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